

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2337 - SB 2321

March 21, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development or designee to assess penalties under the workers' compensation law upon providing notice and opportunity for hearing. Requires groups pooling liability under workers' compensation provisions to pay premium tax and surcharges, changes factors for creation of safety committees and removes requirement for written notice for confirmed drug tests.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- No fiscal impact on the Risk Management Fund since state employees are exempt from these provisions of the workers' compensation laws.
- Most cities have there own drug testing ordinances and do not participate in the Drug-Free Workplace program.
- Cities that are under the Drug-Free Workplace program will save some money because it would be more difficult for an employee to collect workers' compensation benefits if they test positive for alcohol.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director